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by: Debbie Williams

Balance Sheet--As of April 29, 2004

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
FTB—Money Market	52,657.02
First Texas Bank (FTB)	
Youth Activities Fund	1,610.15
Memorial Library Fund	1,207.58
ANA Junior Seminar Fund	1,000.00
Coin's for A's	2, 205.27
First Texas Bank (FTB)-other	16,092.42
Total First Texas Bank (FTB)	22,115.42
Total Checking/Savings	74,772.44
Accounts Receivable	
Lost Mail Deposit	51.00
Total Accounts Receivable	51.00
Other Current Assets	
CD—Lone Star Capital Bank	50,000.00
CD—Life Memberships-CLNB	30,000.00
Total Other Current Assets	80,000.00
Total Current Assets	154,823.44
Total Assets	**154,823.44**
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Fund Balance	155,543.29
Net Income	-719.85
Total Equity	154,823.44
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQU1TY	**154,823.44**

A Few Words from the Editor

By Benny Bolin, NLG

Ft. Worth was FUN!

By the time you read this, you will have heard a lot about the TNA convention in Ft. Worth. As usual, the convention was very successful and many thanks and accolades go out to Gary Hill and Mike Grant for doing such a great job. Thanks also to the many volunteers who worked the show, presented educational seminars/exhibits, etc. Very deserving award recipients were honored and plans for the next year were made. If you could not attend, I encourage you to make plans to attend the 2005 show next May. It will be well worth your time. At the show, there was a great two session youth auction presented by Russell Prinzinger and his staff of volunteers. The youth of today are our numismatists of tomorrow, so please be thinking of how you can help next year. Russell especially needs donations, either money to buy items or numismatic items themselves. Remember, if we don't keep our YNs interested in the hobby, it will eventually cease to exist. After a very, very long board of governor's meeting, I am happy to report that TNA is doing very well financially. With the money from the McFadden estate, we are able to expand our educational activities and reach more people. In that light, the desire to move TNA ahead and make it a much better organization was discussed. This means making the annual convention even bigger and better and making this newsletter better. We hope to do this by the end of the year and hope to have a much neater and cleaner (and clearer) printing with possibly color and other enhancements. I am currently working with a couple of people to find the appropriate method to make this happen. If you have ideas on how to improve the newsletter, let me know.

This is a very exciting time for all parts of our hobby. The new nickels are making their appearance as are all the new state quarters. Our own quarter is set to be released on June 10 at the new Bob Bullock museum in Austin. If you can attend, it will be a unique time. Also, there are many sales going on with items that have not been seen in almost 100 years making their way back into the hobby. Most significant of these are the Stack's sale of the John J. Ford, Jr. collection.

Finally, I encourage you all to read the blurb in the newsletter about the threat to the National Numismatic Collection. The new director wants to change the way it is exhibited and make it topical to other exhibits which means it would not be exhibited as it is now. There is contact information for you to address this issue and voice your concern.

If you would like to submit something to the News, I welcome your input by:

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SECRETARY'S NOTES

By: HAL CHERRY

Welcome to new Regular Members numbers **R-6551** through **R-6553,** Associate Members **A-6550 and A-6554** and Junior Members **J-6548, J-6549, and J-6555**. No objections were received and these applicants became active members on March 1, 2004.

The following have converted their membership to Life memberships:

LM-198 – Michael Launi; **LM-199** – Mike Grant; **LM-200** – Al Villalobos

The following individual had their membership to TNA reinstated :

R-5338 – Tommy Vick

The following Junior Member transferred to a Regular Membership:

R-6332 – David Gmoser

The following have applied for membership. If no written objections are received from the membership, they will become members on July 1, 2004.

R-6556 – Jackie Bridges, Texas, Sponsor: applied through the Internet
J-6557 – Amanda Corwin, Texas, Sponsor: Christopher Corwin
R-6558 – Scott Ludrick, Texas, Sponsor: Barney Welch
R-6559 – Philip A. Maria, New York, Sponsor: applied through the Internet
R-6560 – Carl Shotts, Texas, Sponsor: Tom Bennington
R-6561 – Mark A. Pflaum, Texas, Sponsor: Graves Rouse
R-6562 – Randy Seitz, Texas, Sponsor: Joe Olson
R-6563 – James Hedges, Texas, Sponsor: J. Russell Prinzinger
R-6564 – Ronald Holcomb, Texas, Sponsor: Tom Bennington
R-6565 – James Holcomb, Texas, Sponsor: Ronald Holcomb

ATTENTION LIFE MEMBERS: If you have misplaced your permanent life membership card, you can obtain a replacement for $6.00 Please advise the Secretary's office if you need a new card.

VIP AWARD LEADERS to date for 2004 are: Paul Garner, Gary Hill.and Tom Bennington.

PLEASE NOTE: TNA News Letter mailing labels are generated from the Secretary's membership data base so if you have an address change, please send this information directly to the Secretary's office! Notifying the Editor only delays the process as he must resend the information on to the Secretary for updating the records and data base.

We had a tremendous Coin Show and Convention in Fort Worth this month. There were exceptional buying opportunities from the attending dealers, educational exhibits, a coin auction for youths, and other numismatic opportunities. It was also great to see old friends and I hope everyone enjoyed the event as much as I did. Thanks to Mike Grant, the Show Producer, and also Gary Hill for helping make all of this possible.

TNA AWARDS

HALL of FAME

Presented for lifetime achievement and dedication not only to TNA, but to numismatics

John Rowe

Lewis Reagan Award

Presented for outstanding contribution to TNA by a member

Helen Snider

Editors note—Unfortunately, Helen had to leave before her award could be presented. TNA thanks her for her hard work and efforts with the book auction and the McFadden estate as well as her contributions as a governor, etc.

Stanford Mac Kennaday Award

Presented to the *"TNA Goodwill Ambassador"*

Gary and Cindy Hill

"Coins for A's"

Outstanding Governor

Frank Galindo

Calvert Tidwell Award

Presented for the best original Article in TNA News

Debbie Williams

(America's Two-cent Piece)

Outstanding Club Newsletter

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President *Special Thanks* Awards

Pat Curran

Mike Greenspan

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Ray Whyborn

V.I.P. Award

Presented for recruiting the most new members

Barbara Williams and Paul Garner

Jerry accepting for Barbara

Best of Show Exhibit Award

David Schwann

"Patriotic Civil War Tokens of the United States"

Editor's note—I apologize to Mr. Schwann for my photographic abilities as I did not get an acceptable picture.

TNA BOOK AUCTION

The TNA Book Auction was a huge success again this year thanks to many of you who donated books and helped at the Auction. Debbie Williams, TNA Treasurer, has reported a total collected of nearly $520.00. Tommy Bennington donated a very large group of books as did longtime member Nela Runkle. Hal Cherry gave a large group of auction catalogues which had some very active bidding. We really missed seeing Lamonte Pitzer this year, but he did send some books. Several others dropped by and donated books. Thanks to all of you who helped to set up the six tables which were full of books, catalogues, and other numismatic items. Hal Cherry arranged the large group of auction catalogues. Tommy Bennington worked on the large group of donated books. Carlton Simmons wife Marla helped me along with Patsy Prasek. It will be hard to list everyone who helped with the close out of the auction--Debbie Williams collected the money, along with other helpers, Tommy Bennington, Gober Pitzer, Frank and Karla Galindo, and Pat Curran. I know that I am forgetting some of you who helped, but all of you certainly played a large part in making this auction a success. Remember, it is not too early to begin collecting literature for next years auction. Maybe some of the members of your local coin club would have books to donate. Thank you so much.

Helen Snider--TNA Silent Book Auction Chairman

Youth Auction

The TNA owes a very big debt of gratitude to Russell Prinzinger for once again conducting a very successful youth auction. Kids got twenty dollars in auction money to use to buy lots donated by dealers and members. Over 100 kids attended and all went away very happy. The youth auction is very important to TNA and to the hobby as the kids of today are the numismatists of the future!

Convention Snapshots

A busy bourse

ANA V.P. William Horton mans the ANA table and gave an educational session on U.S. Paper Money

TEXAS

The Texas quarter is the third quarter of 2004, and the 28th in the 50 State Quarters® Program. On December 29, 1845, Texas became the 28th state to be admitted into the Union. The quarter's reverse design incorporates an outline of the State with a star superimposed on the outline and the inscription, "The Lone Star State." The lariat encircling the design is symbolic of the cattle and cowboy history of Texas, as well as the frontier spirit that tamed the land. Texas comes from the Indian word "tejas," meaning friends or allies, and appropriately Texas's motto is "Friendship." Probably the two most recognized symbols of Texas are its unique shape and the lone star that is represented on the State flag. The Texas flag design was approved in 1839 to symbolize the Republic of Texas and was adopted as the State flag in 1845. The simple design of a lone star and three bold stripes of red, white and blue represent bravery, purity and loyalty, respectively. Texas is the only state to have had six different flags fly over its land -- Spain, France, Mexico, Republic of Texas, Confederate States of America and the United States of America. On August 14, 2000, Governor George W. Bush appointed the 15-member Texas Quarter Dollar Coin Advisory Committee. The Committee authorized the Texas Numismatic Association to conduct a statewide design contest on its behalf. Nearly 2,600 candidate design concepts were submitted in response to a statewide contest. From those design concepts, 17 finalists were selected by the Texas Numismatic Association and presented to the Texas Quarter Dollar Coin Advisory Committee for review. The Committee further narrowed the submissions to the five designs that were most representative and emblematic of the State. Governor Rick Perry submitted the preferred design of the outline of Texas beneath the Lone Star and encircled by a lariat, which was approved by the Secretary of the Treasury on August 26, 2003.

COMING NEXT EDITION: IOWA

TEXAS STATE QUARTER UNVEILING ANNOUNCED FOR JUNE 10 IN AUSTIN

A representative of Governor Rick Perry's office has informed Hal that the Governor is hosting a celebration to unveil the new Texas quarter on Thursday, June 10 at 9:30AM at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin, Texas. Representatives from the U.S. Mint as well as

federal, state and local officials will be present. Included in the morning program to unveil the quarter is a quarter exchange hosted by P.N.B. Financial and a kids' quarter giveaway followed by a free concert and barbeque lunch. The Museum will be open free of charge to the public all day.

All members of the public are invited to attend and the Governor's representative said a special invitation is extended to the Texas Numismatic Association. A committee of TNA members was involved in the initial screening of design applications back in the fall of 2001.

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UNITED STATES COINS—A "PRIMER"
SEATED HALF-DOLLARS

This historical information is compiled from the U.S. Coins Series compliments of Numismatic Guarantee Corporation.

1839-66 HALF DOLLAR SEATED LLIBERTY WITHOUT MOTTO-- The late 1830s were years of great ferment, progress, growth and change for the United States Mint. Steam-powered coinage made its debut in 1836. The first branch mint opened in New Orleans in 1838, and new designs were placed on all the gold and silver coins between 1837 and 1840. The technical and artistic advancements were interrelated, for it was the introduction of steam power that stimulated Mint officials to update the coinage aesthetically as well. On the silver coins, the new look took the form of a seated figure of Liberty with her right hand resting upon a shield and her left hand grasping a pole topped by a Liberty cap symbols of preparedness and freedom. Thirteen stars are arrayed around her, and the date is below. This design first appeared on pattern and regular-issue silver dollars in 1836, and thereafter was adapted for use on all the remaining silver coins: the half dollar, quarter dollar, dime and half dime. This "Seated Liberty" design (interchangeably known as the "Liberty Seated" type) was fashioned by noted portraitist Thomas Sully and executed by Mint engraver Christian Gobrecht, a man of great technical skill. Its' neoclassical appearance accurately reflected Americans' artistic taste in the mid-19th century and, indeed, nearly to the threshold of the 20th century, for that's how long it lingered on three of the coins before giving way to the Barber design in 1892. The half dollar was the last of the five coins to get this new design. Well into 1839, new 50-cent pieces continued to bear the Capped Bust likeness of Liberty long viewed with affection by collectors. Since 1836, however, Capped Bust halves had lost a key part of their earlier distinctiveness and charm because they were being made on a steam press and with reeded edges, rather than the old-style lettered edges. The so-called "Gobrecht dollars" of 1836-39 wedded the Seated Liberty obverse to a breathtaking reverse featuring a majestic flying eagle. This was the work of another exceptional artist, Titian Peale, again with the die work by Gobrecht. Unaccountably, though, this magnificent design was scrapped when the art work was adapted for the smaller silver coins. Then, in 1840, it was dropped from the dollar as well. Mint officials chose instead to use essentially

the same reverse on the half dollar and quarter as the one that had appeared on their Capped Bust counterparts. Again, the central device was a naturalistic eagle with a shield superimposed upon its breast. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA is inscribed above the eagle on each of these coins, and the statement of value appears below. On the 50-cent piece, this takes the shorthand form HALF DOL. The Philadelphia Mint struck nearly 2 million Seated Liberty half dollars in 1839, the first year of issue, and these come in two major versions. Coins produced from the very first obverse die show no trace of drapery at the crook of Miss Liberty's elbow, while subsequent strikes all exhibit a fold of drapery there (unless they have undergone excessive wear). Seated Liberty halves remained in production for more than half a century, from 1839 through 1891, and mintages generally ranged between 500,000 and 2 million, with higher peaks and lower valleys. These coins saw widespread use, but people viewed them respectfully, for many Americans' weekly pay was well below $10 in those days. The motto in question is IN GOD WE TRUST, which first gained a place on U.S. coinage during the Civil War. In 1866, the Mint added this inscription to the half dollar, on a banner above the eagle. It remained there throughout the remaining quarter-century of the coin's production.

1853 HALF DOLLAR SEATED LIBERTY ARROWS & RAYS--As huge amounts of gold poured out of California, the yellow metal's value dropped in relation to silver: Soon, 200 half dollars melted into bullion would buy not $100 in gold but $106.60. This, in turn, could then be

exchanged at face value for more silver coins. By 1853, silver coins were worth more as metal than as money, and melting was rampant. The Mint combated this imbalance in 1853 by reducing the amount of silver in its coins. With the half dollar, it trimmed the overall weight from 13.36 grams to 12.44. To call attention to this change, it placed arrows alongside the date and rays around the eagle. The arrows remained in place for three years, but the rays were removed in 1854. This created two significant varieties: the Arrows-and-Rays half dollars of 1853 and the arrows (without rays) pieces of 1854 and '55. The arrows were removed in 1856, but the lower weight continued. These varieties are popular type coins.

SPECIFICATIONS:

Diameter: 30.6 millimeters Edge: Reeded

Weight: 13.36 grams (12.44 grams starting in 1853)
Composition: .900 silver, .100 copper
Net Weight: .38658 ounce pure silver (.35996 after reduction)

1854-55 HALF DOLLAR SEATED LIBERTY WITH ARROWS--Slightly less than 12.8 million Arrows halves were made in the two years, and they served their purpose well, remaining in circulation long after falling silver prices allowed discontinuation of the identifying arrows. Toward the end of 1855, Mint Director Snowden realized that few of the old standard silver coins were still circulating, and he ordered the removal of the arrows for 1856 coinage. The original 1839 Seated Liberty design resumed until 1866, when the motto IN GOD WE TRUST was added.

SPECIFICATIONS:
Diameter: 30.6 millimeters
Composition: .900 silver, .100 copper
Net Weight: .35996 ounce pure silver
Weight: 12.44 grams
Edge: Reeded

1866-91 HALF DOLLAR SEATED LIBERTY WITH MOTTO--The year after the close of the Civil War should have been a joyous, forward-looking time, but in 1866, a million young men lay dead, buried in shallow graves in places with now-familiar names such as Shiloh, Gettysburg and Fredericksburg. The Act of March 3, 1865 mandated the addition of the motto IN GOD WE TRUST for all silver coins above the dime and all gold coins above the three-dollar denomination. Christian Gobrecht's design, in use on the half dollar since 1839, depicted a spread-winged eagle. In 1866, a new master die for the half dollar reverse was prepared with the motto on a billowing scroll above the eagle's head. This change was the most significant design alteration to occur during the 53 years of Seated Liberty half dollar production. During the 26 years With Motto halves were struck, 56,323,991 pieces were produced at three mints: Philadelphia, San Francisco and Carson City. The mintmark for San Francisco (S) and Carson City (CC) is located on the reverse, below the olive branch and above HALF DOL. Specie payments had been suspended since late in 1861, and silver coins continued to be either hoarded or shipped overseas. Although the early Carson City coins (1870-73) were minted in small numbers and, as expected, are very rare today, both Philadelphia and San Francisco struck relatively large quantities prior to 1873. All suffered extensive melting after the change to arrows. The most notable rarity of this group is 1873-S without arrows, which is unknown in any condition, despite Mint records showing a mintage of 5,000 pieces. Mintages increased dramatically from 1875 through 1877, largely to help in

retiring the hated fractional currency notes then in widespread use. With the passage of the Bland-Allison Act in 1878, coinage of silver dollars took precedence over the smaller denominations, and half dollar mintages dropped sharply, creating two additional rarities, 1878-S and 1878-CC. From 1879, only the Philadelphia Mint coined halves.

1873-74 HALF DOLLAR SEATED LIBERTY WITH ARROWS-- Probably the most debated, revised and least understood coinage bill the U.S. Congress ever passed was the Mint Act of February 12, 1873. Introduced in an effort to reform and codify the U.S. coinage system, this piece of legislation would go down in history as the "Crime of `73." Partly because of this pivotal law, 1873 saw the United States Mint issue 54 basic varieties of coins in 17 different denominations, the most diverse output of any single year in the nation's history. As part of the coinage overhaul, the weights of the half dollar, quarter and dime were increased slightly to simplify their value stated in grams. This was part of Congress' modest attempt to introduce the metric system into the nation's coinage, following the standard used by European countries. In the case of the half dollar, the weight was boosted from 12.44 grams to 12.5. Undoubtedly, this made metric calculations somewhat easier, but its impact was negligible.

By the time the legislation took effect, the Mint had already produced significant numbers of 1873 silver coins at the old weight levels. Officials decided to place distinctive arrows alongside the date on the new, slightly heavier coins. The Mint had used the same device in 1853 to denote a slight reduction in weight. This time, the arrows appeared for only two years and were dropped at the start of 1875.

SPECIFICATIONS:

Diameter: 30.6 millimeters

Weight: 12.5 grams — Composition: .900 silver, .100 copper

Edge: Reeded — Net Weight: .36169 ounce pure silver

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COMING NEXT EDITION:

BARBER HALF-DOLLARS

TNA Convention Security Recognized!

Colonel Steven Ellsworth, author of the "The Butternut Ten: The Best Secured Coin Shows for 2003" has ranked the TNA convention as the third best show for security in the nation. The show was named for the third year in a row. Cited were off-duty Euless police providing security, ample security in and out of the facility during set up and breakdown; plainclothes officers continually working the floor from open to close; a nationally recognized expert in numismatic thefts as security supervisor and the proximity of the show to the adjacent gun show.

Colonel Ellsworth stated the objective is to always keep a constatnt level of awarness and vigilance in security matters to help dealer and collectors manage the risks posed from theft. He stated that in his opinion, the area at most shows needing more attention was "more parking lot police presence."

Coin Dealers Security Course—Butternut has developed a course for dealers with the mission to "*train individuals how to better safeguard themselves, businesses, co-workers and/or family members from potential acts of physical assault and crimes of theft.*" The week long 50-hour course will take place October 12-16 near Prescott, AZ, at *The Gunsite Acade*my in Paulden, AZ. For more information on this or to view the report above, visit www.butternut.org.

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Many of you have probably recently read in the numismatic journals that the Smithsonian plans to close the Numismatics Hall and the "History of Money and Medals". This is currently scheduled to happen in August of this year. If this happens, it may be decades before the entire collection is ever displayed together, if ever.

Dr. Brent Glass, Head of the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, announced he had consulted with various people, including members of the numismatic community, who were in agreement with this pending action. Supposedly the collection will be available to researchers and various portions will be displayed piecemeal as related to a particular theme. One example involves a planned exhibit on native Americans and coins and currency depicting native Americans are scheduled to be displayed in conjunction with this exhibit.

At our May 15th meeting, the TNA Board voted to send a letter on behalf of the TNA and its members protesting this pending action. The Board urges all TNA Chapter, individual members, and coin collectors everywhere to send a letter of protest to the Smithsonian. The letter should be addressed to Dr. Brent D. Glass, Director, National Museum of American History, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20560, or e-mail him at glassb@nmah.si.edu.

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In Memoriam

Lt. Col. Frank O'Sullivan

Mr. O'Sullivan was a founder of the Alamo Coin Club and member since 1960. He helped plan the TNA convention during HemisFair in 1968 and introduced the TNA medals and started the practice of having the BEP set up at coin shows. He specialized in ancient coins.

Glenn Swanson

Mr. Swanson was a specialist in Lincoln cents and type coins. He worked for 18 years at Dallas Rare Coins and was a frequent attendee at many coin shows, including the TNA convention. He passed away after a battle with cancer on Friday, May 14, 2004.

TNA extends its' condolences to the families of these two men.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
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This association is a non-profit, educational and scientific organization founded in January 1960. It is purely a mutual association founded for the benefit of its members.

The TNA invites to membership all worthy persons who are at least nine years of age. Coin clubs, schools, libraries, museums and kindred organizations who have a sincere interest in the collecting and study of coins, paper money, tokens, medals and related items are welcome.

PURPOSES:

To promote and advance interest and comprehensive knowledge of numismatics; to cultivate friendly relations among fellow collectors; to hold periodic meetings and exhibits; to provide a place and time to buy, sell and trade numismatic items; to serve its members collectively, not individually.

ADVANTAGES:

To be a member is to have fraternal affiliation with numismatics of your state; to know their addresses and collecting interests; to have the honor of serving visitors with the names of collectors in their vicinity; to participate in the annual convention; to receive the official publication. TNA membership offers prestige on the state level just as ANA offers prestige on the national and international levels.

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION:

Each Regular, Junior, Life and Chapter member receives the TNA News for no additional cost. Insofar as possible, this media will keep you informed about your association, and the individual and chapter members. It carries timely articles and features. Its pages are free to all members to express their views and to contribute articles for the advancement of numismatics. Those seeking information may ask for help through the pages of the TNA News. Those having items for sale or trade may advertise for a nominal sum. The TNA News is the voice of the TNA.

CONVENTIONS:

The TNA will meet in an annual convention. Members are entitled to a voice at the conventions. The business sessions are devoted to the procedures necessary to the operation of your state association. Entertainment and time for renewal of friendships is an important part of the conventions. Educational exhibits are a vital adjunct. The opportunity to buy, sell and trade is provided through bourse activity.

MEMBERSHIP:
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Applicants for membership must be proposed for membership by a TNA member who signs the application form together with an additional person know as a voucher. A voucher for an applicant for regular membership should be an adult of reputable character who knows the applicant. A voucher for an applicant for junior membership must be a parent or guardian of the applicant. Applicants for chapter membership should be signed by the president. Such other information as required on the application should be given.
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Names of applicants are published in the TNA News. If no objections are received within 20 days after the date of publication, the applicant is admitted to membership. A membership card is sent with notification of admission. The official publication will be mailed to eligible applicants.

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June 26 **Austin, TX** **40 Tables**
Capital City Coin Club 32nd Annual Coin Show. Red Lion Hotel, 6121 North IH-35 at Highway 290, Austin, TX 78752.
Contact: Bryan Jones (1-512-339-2923)

June 26, 2004 **Greenville, TX** **50 Tables**
Central Assembly of God Church, I-30 and Hwy 69 A: Free, Tables @ $50. Gary Rollins PO Box 744 McKinney, TX 75070 972-727-1566 Email:grollins@ev1.net or Dennis Menn 903-527-5371 Email:dennis_j_menn@ev1.net.

June 27 **Waco,Texas** **25 Tables**
"Coin and Currency Show", Hilton Inn-Waco, 113 S. University Parks drive, Hours :10am-4pm Admission:$2.00 (Note: TNA members get in free with proof of current membership). Tables-6ft)-$50.00 For more info contact: JMV Entertainment, PO BOX 151,Temple, TX 76503 (254)774-7185 / (254)760-8682 e-mail jmventertainment16@yahoo.com

July 16-18 **Grapevine, TX** **70 Tables**
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July 30-Aug. 1 **Bossier City, La** **100 tables**
41st Annual Ark-La-Tex Coin, Stamp and Card Expo. Bossier City Civic Center. 620 Benton Road. Free parking. Hourly door prizes. Dealer set-up Fri, 11a-7p. Public hours; Sat 9a-6p; Sun 9a-3p. Tables $150. For more information contact Richie Self, bourse chairman, (318) 868-9077.

August 7 **Sherman , Texas** **32 Tables**
Texoma Coin Show. Holiday Inn, 3605 Hwy 75 South. Exit 56 (FM 1417). Admission Free. Tables $55 and $65. Contact Gary Rollins, Box 744, McKinney, TX 75070. (972) 727-1566 or Tony Hales, Box 832032, Richardson, TX 75080. (972) 690-3430.

August 14-15 **Amarillo, Texas** **85 Tables**
The Golden Spread Coin Club, Inc's Annual Coin and Collectors show. Amarillo Civic Center, 401 S. Buchanan, Regency Room. Sat—9a-6p; Sun—9a-5p. FREE admission. Contact Bill Hughes , 22 Canyon Rim Dr., Canyon, TX 79015. Ph--806.655.3695.

August 27-29 **Richardson, Texas** **85 Tables**
17th Annual Plano Coin Show. Richardson Civic Center, 411 West Arapaho Rd. (SW corner Central Expwy & Arapaho Rd). Free admission and parking. Tables $175. contact Mark Schroeder, Lone Star Mint, 805 East 15th St., Plano, TX 75074-5805. (972) 424-1405. email—planoshow@lsmint.com.

August 28 **San Antonio, TX** **60 Tables**
Live Oak Civic Center, 8101 Pat Booker Rd. at Loop 1604, just off IH-35 N. Open 9:30 AM-5:30 PM. Children's Auction at 2:30 PM. Admission $1.00. Free Parking, Hourly Door Prizes. Tables--$95. Contact: Harold Eiserloh, Box 100714, San Antonio, TX 78201 E-mail: eiserlohsat@juno.com.

September 4-5 **Ft. Worth, TX** **65 Tables**
33rd Annual Summer Coin Show. Green Oaks Inn. 6901 West Freeway, I-30. Free Admission. Hours Sat 9a-6p; Sun 9a-3p. Tables $200. Contact Joe and Linda Wade, 6420 Diamond Loch N., Ft. Worth, TX 76180; (817) 485-1777.

September 18-19 **Beaumont, Texas**
Southeast Texas Coin & Collectibles Fall Show. Jointly sponsored by the Beaumont, Orange, Port Arthur and Silsbee Coin Clubs. Beaumont Civic Center—corner of Main & Forsythe. Drawing for gold coin. Youth Auction 2P Sat. Admission $1. For info contact Dale Richey, Box 8258, Lumberton, TX 77657. (409) 246-2432.

September 18-19 **San Angelo, Texas** **35 Tables**
"THE Coin Show of The Concho Valley, La Quinta Inn, 2307 Loop 306 at Nickerbocker. Sat 9am - 6 pm. Sun 9am - 4 pm. Free parking, Gold prizes. Contact Rex at (325) 655-1728 or Tom at: www.sacoinclub@aol.com."

October 2 **McKinney , Texas** **56 Tables**
Semi-Annual Coin Show. Sponsored by the Collin County Coin Club. Holiday Inn, 1300 N. Central Expwy (Hwy 75N, Exit 40B). Admission Free. Tables $50 and $60. Contact Gary Rollins, Box 744, McKinney, TX 75070. (972) 727-1566 email—grollins@ev1.net or visit web site www.collincooinclub.com.

October 16 **Austin, TX** **40 Tables**
Central Texas Coin and Sports Collectable Show. Red Lion Hotel, 6121 North IH-35 and Highway 290, Austin, TX 78752.
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October 22-23 **Abilene, Texas** **70+ Tables**
Key City Coin Club Coin/Stamp Show. Abilene Civic Center, 1100 N 6th St., Abilene, TX 79604. Door Prizes. Free Parking. $2 Admission. For more info contact Ken Schlosser, Box 7381, Abilene, TX 79608. (325) 691-0233. email—kjssr@aol.com or visit www.kenschlosser-coins.bigstep.com.

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November 5-7 **Ft. Worth , Texas** **40 Tables**
Fort Worth Coin Club Show. Lockheed Martin Recreation Assoc. Facility. Between I-20 & I-30 on Bryant Irvin Rd. Contact Gary Andrews at (817) 444-5500.

November 20 **San Antonio, TX** **60 Tables**
Live Oak Civic Center, 8101 Pat Booker Rd. at Loop 1604, just off IH-35 N. Open 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM. Admission $1.00. Free Parking, Hourly Door Prizes. Tables $95. Contact: Harold Eiserloh, Box 100714, San Antonio, TX 78201 E-mail: eiserlohsat@juno.com.

CALENDAR of EVENTS--2005

February 5 **Pharr, TX** **50 Tables**
17th Annual Coin & Collectible Show, sponsored by the Hidalgo Coin Club of the Rio Grande Valley. Pharr Civic Center, 1011 W. Kelly. Free Admission and Door Prizes. Contact: Don Higgins, Show Co-chairman, Box 720785, McAllen, TX 78504. (956) 688-6922.

February 26 **San Antonio, Texas** **35 Tables**
San Antonio Coin and Collectible Show. Saturday 9a-5p. Live Oak Civic Center, 8101 Pat Booker Rd. NE of San Antonio at IH35N and Loop 1604. Free Admission, free parking and door prizes. Sponsored by the Gateway Coin Club, Inc. Contact Raymond Tate, Box 12964, San Antonio, Tx 78212-0964. Ph—(210)271-3429. email—retate@msn.com

March 19-20 **Lubbock, TX** **100 Tables**
45th Annual South Plains Coin Club, Inc, Coin and Sports Card Show. Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. 1501 6th St. Hours—Sat 9a-6p; Sun 9a-4p. Free admission. Free parking. For more information contact Lynn Parker, Box 6326, Lubbock, TX 79493; (806) 785-1030.

May 21 **San Antonio, Texas** **35 Tables**
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November 18 **San Antonio, Texas** **60 Tables**
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Free Parking, Hourly Door Prizes. Tables $95. Contact: Harold Eiserloh, Box 100714, San Antonio, TX 78201 E-mail: eiserlohsat@juno.com.

CALENDAR of EVENTS--2006

February 25 **San Antonio, Texas** **35 Tables**
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May 27 **San Antonio, Texas** **35 Tables**
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September 9 **San Antonio, Texas** **60 Tables**
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TEXAS HAPPENINGS

EDITOR'S NOTE--Send me your club reports, preferably by email and get your club's activities noticed and recognized!

DISTRICT I

Northeast Tarrant County Coin Club (Internet Report)

The Mareh 11 meeting of the North Tarrant County Coin Club meeting began about 7pm. Attendanee: 46. Offieers have visited and aeeepted the new meeting loeation. Our next meeting will be at the below loeation behind Wal-Mart @ Hwy 121. The Seeretary presented the eosts of putting an ad into the newspaper. A motion was passed authorizing the plaeement of the ad in the H-E-B Times advertising the elub meeting date and the new loeation. The ad should run in the April edition. Riehard Wallaee indieated that progress was being made on the elub's bylaws. Russell stated that donations are again being aeeepted for the next DONATION AUCTION – when 40 items are reeeived the auetion date will be announeed. The Seeretary brought up the subjeet of appointing (or aeeepting a volunteer) of a member to aet as a Publie Affairs Offieer to make eontaet with loeal papers to report eoin elub news items. Gary Andrews announeed that the Overton Variety Books are now available. It was noted that the Heritage Rare Coins outreaeh program featuring Lee Abramson (presented to our elub last month) was written up in the Numismatie News 3/2/2004 edition mentioning the elub by name. Interesting Happenings: Mike reported that he found a Mexiean gold eoin in the return tray of a CoinStar maehine. Every one was WOWed. Merle proudly displayed his complete set of $2.50 gold Indian set – All who got to see it were VERY impressed. Bill Yates, in a delayed find from a reeent auetion lot purehase (we won't say whose auetion), reported finding an AU 1955 Double Die eent in an inexpensive eire/une set of 1941-58 Lineolns. Another set of WOWs went around the room. After the break, VP Tom introduced Jim White of Arlington Coin Shop who gave an interesting and informative diseussion of Liberty "V" Niekels, as well as the pleasure of learning and passing on the knowledge & history of coin eolleeting. Door Prizes – Merle Owens, Jaek Gilbert, and Dale Campbell. Monthly ticket drawings: Russell Johnson hit the jaekpot winning three of the items...the Morgan Silver round & 1929 Standing Lib 25e & 1939-D Une Merc. Other winners - Ameriean Silver Eagle-Rita Shuliek, 1945-S Une Walker-Jim Hedges. There were two grand prized won by Rich Harlson and Ken Diehl

April 8, 2004 the Northeast Tarrant Coin Club had 43 in attendanee and was called to order, with our first meeting at our new loeation. Many thanks were extended to the Dibler's for arranging our new location. Richard Wallace

discussed our by laws and at the end of the meeting they were dispersed to members in attendance for review. Discussion occurred concerning a 1 day coin show the club could sponsor. We are looking at the last Saturday in Sept. Approximately 15 - 20 tables would be the size of the show. Russell Prinzinger announced that our coin club was being considered to host the 2008 ANA coin show at the New Opryland hotel in Grapevine. Russell stressed we still in the very preliminary stages and much has to go right for this to occur. Our program was presented by Michael Lanai of the Fort Worth Coin Company. Lottery Winners for the evening were: Bill Ellis, Jim Hedges, Mike Smith, of course Stuart Huckaby, Mr. French and Mike Smith.
Submitted by: Jack E. Gilbert-Secretary

DISTRICT V

Collin County Coin Club (Internet Report)

The last regular meeting of the Collin County Coin Club was held on April 15, 2004 at the Steak Kountry restaurant in McKinney with 25 members in attendance. Door prize winners were Ron Edelstein, Gary Rollins and Linda Reed. Lotto winners were Roger Sandmann and Les price. Congratulations to the winners! Gary Rollins conducted a 51 lot auction with Tony Hales assisting. Gary Rollins gave a presentation on identifying altered coins, cast counterfeits and spark erosion counterfeits. Along with the presentation, Gary provided a printout describing each method and the resulting coins. Gary also displayed examples of altered and counterfeit coins. He emphasized that learning a coins "diagnostics" or characteristics, will aid the collector in identifying genuine coins.

John McCraw showed a document he recently obtained showing that the Republic of Texas approved annexation into the United States of America on February 19, 1846. The United States offered and the U.S. Congress approved statehood on December 29, 1845. As John pointed out, the Texas quarter has the date 1845 on it even though statehood was not approved by the Republic until 1846!

Our April 3rd coin show was a success. There were 42 dealers present and the club netted $735.00 from the show. We have been invited to have a booth at the May 8th Boy Scout Convention. Kim and Beverly Groves and Victor and Becky Elizondo will be manning the booth. We received a thank you note from Sandy Smiley on behalf of the St. James CME Church for the club donation in February

Dallas Coin Club (Internet Report)

President Glenn Woods called the March 18 meeting to order at 7:00PM with 19 members and 5 guests in attendance. Treasurer David Swann reported that 38 regular and 2 junior members have paid dues for 2004. Hal reported that he had been in touch with Jim Fitzgerald, the show chairman, and only 14 tables were left to sell. Jim will be contacting dealers at the Fort Worth Club Show later this month regarding tables. Also, 25 rooms have

been sold. To be consistent with the Mid Cities Club, we voted that members would pay a $2.00 admission fee except those who had volunteered to work the registration desk or elsewhere at the show. TNA representative, Larry Herrera, reminded everyone of the TNA Show May 14, 15, and 16 in Fort Worth and that he had raffle tickets to sell. Hal Cherry mentioned volunteers were needed at the TNA Show and Gary Hill also discussed the need for volunteers and that local clubs would receive some remuneration for furnishing show volunteers. John Post will be handling the volunteers for this show. Gary Hill, who administers the TNA Coins for A's program, requested a donation of $100 from the club and the club voted to make this donation. Comments were made regarding the importance of encouraging youth to collect coins to ensure the continuance of the hobby. Gary Hill also asked about having a life membership category for the Dallas Coin Club and after discussion of any real need for this plus certain legal obligations, it was decided that we would not consider this at this time. Hal Cherry brought up meeting again this summer with the Collin County Coin Club and it was agreed that we wanted to do this and Stewart Huckaby was asked to contact them and make arrangements. During Show and Tell, Stewart Huckaby showed a 1923 25 Centavos from Costa Rico that had been counter stamped for a 50 Centimos value; also a 1936 New Guinea one Shilling. Glenn Woods showed two Byzantine gold coins minted around 1713 through 1715. They were of the Emperors Philippicus and Anastasius II who each only ruled for about a year. Stewart Huckaby introduced the night's speaker who was Steve Ivy standing in for Greg Rohan. Steve is Chairman of the Board of Heritage Corporation and spoke about coin dealers in general and Heritage in particular. The presentation concluded with questions and answers. Heritage employs 160 people and has recently moved to a 43,000 square foot office. In addition to their numismatic products and auction, they are expanding into auctioning fine art, comic books, and perhaps other collectibles such as rare books and toys. In response to various questions, they do not have a retail store as their focus is being an auction house. They do have some retail sales through their web site. Door prizes were won by John Post, Steve Ivy, David Swann, Kathy Lawrence, Charlie Mead, Gary Hill, Hal Cherry, Marvin Menaker, and Tim Mochlman. Raffle prizes were won by Gary and Judy Dobbins, 3 times, Stewart Huckaby, twice, Glenn Woods and John Post. Twenty-five auction items were sold for a total of $149.50. Heritage Corporation donated several nice auction items, including silver dollars.

President Glenn Woods called the April 15 meeting to order at 7:00PM with 18 members and 4 guests in attendance. Vice President Stewart Huckaby announced that our combined meeting with the Collin County Coin Club would be Thursday, July 19th at the Mankok Restaurant, the same location as last year. There will be a short program and a large auction. Stewart will present the May program on seated liberty half dimes. He is also trying to arrange for Lee Abrams of Heritage to speak to us on grading at some future meeting. Treasurer David Swann advised had 46 regular and 2 junior

members. He also announced that we received a thank you letter from the TNA for the $100.00 donation to the Coins for A's Program. Jim Fitzgerald, President of the Mid Cities Coin Club who promoted our combined coin show, gave a report on the show. There were 365 paid attendees at the show and $941.00 in raffle tickets was sold. TNA representative and District Governor, Lawrence Herrera, reminded everyone of the upcoming TNA show and that he had raffle tickets to sell. The only new business was a request for volunteers to help with the set up of the TNA show. Mike Grant or Gary Hill are the contacts.

The evening's educational program was given by Ron Blaha on Hard Times Tokens. These were copper tokens the size of the large one cent coins circulating at the time. They were issued by various businesses, organizations and individuals as U.S. coins were being hoarded due to the financial panic of 1837 that resulted from President Andrew Jackson's withdrawing government support from the Bank of the United States. Ron showed a slide program depicting various designs of the tokens. Most contained a political statement, primarily anti Jackson and anti Martin Van Buren, his successor. The tokens passed commercially at a value of one cent. There was one half cent token issued in addition to the numerous one cent tokens. In Show and Tell, Ben Hong reported on his visit to the ANA Headquarters and Museum in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Glenn Woods showed three ancient coins and Stewart Huckaby told of his recent visit to the Spring ANA Show in Portland, Oregon. Displayed there was a 1794 silver dollar which experts theorize was the first 1794 silver dollar struck. Steward passed around a booklet regarding this coin. Mark Jones applied for membership and was voted in as member number 760. Door prizes were won by Mike Cordell, Larry Herrera, Charlie Mead, Glenn Woods and, of course, Stewart Huckaby. Raffle prizes were won by Kyle Redd, Ben Hong, Larry Herrera, and twice by Stewart Huckaby. Charlie Mead called the auction and 18 items were sold for a total of $180.00.

Respectfully submitted--Hal Cherry, Secretary

DISTRICT VI

Bellaire Coin Club, (Internet Report)

There were 34 members and guests attending the March 1 meeting of the Bellaire Coin Club. Jim Bevill and Tim Conway discussed a very special letter from Claire and John Evans's family. They thanked the club for flowers. Tim Conway presented the official City of Bellaire Resolution about the donation of a thousand dollars to the Bellaire Library. Tim Conway also showed some pictures taken during this city meeting. Tim Conway noted that copies of the pictures will be sent to David Burke and placed onto the website. Tim Conway reminded everybody about paying membership due. Ron Miller and Ed Stephens noted that the National Coin Week show is completely sold out. Tim Conway stated that he has received 22 orders of the latest volume of the Cherrypicker's Guide from J T Stanton. The shipment is

schedule to leave the publisher on March 31. Ed Stephens distributed flyers advertising our National Coin Week show; this year the topic is Discover the World of Money. Jerry Clemons presented the program about Follett Texas National Bank Notes.

There were 29 members and guests attending the March 15 meeting. Tim Conway noted that the National Coin Week show is going right on schedule. 900 reminder cards with labels and stamps have been sent. Tim Conway and Jim Bevill will handle the scout merit badges. Tim Conway stated that April 19 would be the club elections. The board will ask for any additional nominations for each position. The current nominations are as follows. President: Vacant; Secretary: Ed Stephens; Vice President: Tom Cooper; Treasurer: Tom Bermel; Newsletter: Michael Wolford. Bob Bing noted that recently certain information sources did not show any references to Pasadena meeting and annual show. The Pasadena meeting and annual show notes will be updated, where needed. Cecilia Soliz noted that there were two dealers that wanted to get tables for the Bellaire shows. Barney Loebe reminded that if there are any problems with the American Numismatic Association, let him know. Jim Bevill noted from the Texas Numismatic Association, the club had not paid their membership dues to the TNA. Michael Wolford noted that he has the Bellaire library donation pictures. Cecilia Soliz stated that the American Numismatic Association's Numismatist did not mention the National Coin Week show. The program for tonight was Show and Tell. The following members presented a short program, Jim Bevill, Bob Bing, Jerry Clemons, Kelvin Conway, Tim Conway, and Sebastian Frommhold. Sebastian Frommhold won the Show and Tell prize.

Greater Houston Coin Club, (Double Clips--Club Newsletter)

The March meeting of the Greater Houston Coin Club had 31 members and four guests in attendance. A report on the club show was given. The slate of officer nominees from the nominating committee was presented and the slate was elected by acclamation. Richard Laster will be president; Sebastian Frommhold, VP; Francis Townsend, Secy; Lloyd Woodard, Treas and John Barber, Carl Schwenker and Bill Watson will be directors. A discussion on applicants for the "Coins in the Classroom" program at the ANA summer seminar and a YN scholarship for the summer seminar was discussed. A junior was selected to attend and teachers have until May 6 to apply. The new officer installation dinner was announced. The April "coin of the month" will be the 1909-1958 wheat penny. After a short show and tell, the educational program was given on the question of a sixth 1913 "V" nickel. Reasons and much documentation from research was presented. After an auction, the meeting was adjourned.

DISTRICT VII

Alamo Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

The March 11th meeting of the Alamo Coin Club had a record 61 attendees, 18 of which were local scouts and their parents. The scouts were fulfilling a requirement for a collecting badge and were given a coin folder, a Michigan quarter and other information. The member roundtable had many interesting numismatic items shown including a selection of paper money, error coins, tokens, one of the new Louisiana Purchase nickels ancient and foreign coins. After the raffle and door prizes were awarded. The educational program was given. It was on United States Currency and detailed all the different types from treasury notes, to interest bearing notes and refunding certificates to national bank notes and gold and silver notes. Examples of each were also shown. A raffle closed the meeting.

The March 25th meeting had 37 members and one guest present. The member roundtable had many interesting numismatic items shown including tokens, a 1973 Hawaii Chamber of Commerce Aloha Dollar, an 1870 seated quarter, medals, auction catalogs and other items.

The April 18th meeting had 30 members and one guest in attendance. The member roundtable had many interesting numismatic items shown including a 1914-D buffalo nickel with a die break, a set of 32 Mexico silver medals, foreign coins, and a $10 gaming token featuring a monkey. Door and raffle prizes preceded the program on grading half dollars. A raffle ended the meeting.

The April 22nd meeting had 30 members present. The member roundtable had many interesting numismatic items shown and was enjoyed by all. A discussion on the club show and the size desired was held. Raffle and door prizes and a short auction closed the meeting.

Gateway Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

The March 4 meeting of the Gateway Coin Club had 27 members and one guest in attendance. A thank you for volunteers at the club show was extended. The member roundtable had many interesting numismatic items shown; including two German Euros, a magician's large Lincoln cent, ancient coins, foreign coins, some recently panned gold flakes from a member's trip to Alaska and other items. Raffle winners celebrated their fortune before a mini-auction closed the meeting.

The March 18 meeting had 32 members and four guests attending. The member roundtable had Presidential commemorative medals for George W. Bush and Ronald and Nancy Reagan, a Tokyo Olympic 100-Yen coin, a bag toned silver dollar, a 1925 California Commemorative 50-cent piece and other interesting items. The program was on British Sovereigns, their collectibility and their use as investments. Examples were shown and mintage numbers and other pertinent information was given. Raffle prizes and a mini-auction ended the meeting.

The April 1 meeting had 29 members and two visitors in attendance. The roundtable had many items shown, including a medal honoring the sesquicentennial birth of Samuel Colt, a 1939 double-die nickel, two Chinese "dragon" dollars and other items. The raffle and a mini-auction concluded the meeting.

The April 15 meeting had 22 members and two guests attending. Long time club member Ed Witt who recently passed away was remembered. After the member roundtable, the program was presented by a junior member. His program was on Mercury Dimes. He gave a brief history of the series and showed examples from his collection. Raffle prizes and a mini-auction closed the meeting.

DISTRICT IX

South Plains Coin Club, (Internet Report)

The March meeting of the South Plains Coin Club was only days before the coin show. There were many last minute details to work out and many volunteers needed to run the show. There were 36 members present and most all the duties were filled by the end of the meeting. Everyone is looking forward to a great show! There was an auction following conducted by Mac Teackel and Marty Parker.

The April meeting was called to order by president Arlin Hilton with 4 guest and 30 members present. Arlin started the meeting with a report on our show and congratulated everyone on a fine job. The show went very smooth without any major problems or glitches. The weather was great and many dealers reported that they had a great show with many of them placing deposits for next year's table. Ed Chauney gave a treasurer report with an itemized statement of profits and loses for the year. Greg Cronhom read the minutes of the last meeting and they were approved. Ed Chauney conducted the auction with the help of Alison Chauney and Marty Parker to close the meeting.

Lamb County Coin Club (Internet Report)

The March meeting of the Lamb County Coin Club was called to order by Vice President David Keithley with 9 members present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Larry Sanderson gave a treasurers report. Afterwards there was a round table discussion and Lamonte Pitzer showed some coins and currency. The Door prize was won by Gober Pitzer to close the meeting.

The April meeting was called to order with 8 members present by President Ernest Mills. The minutes were read and approved. There was some discussion about the new Texas quarter coming out in June and the new nickels. Everyone thought that the new Texas Quarter design was the best one yet. A round table discussion followed with many coins to look at. The monthly door prize was won by Ernest Mills.

Submitted by: Gober Pitzer - TNA Governor District 9

DISTRICT X

International Coin Club of El Paso (Club Newsletter)

The March 4 meeting of the International Coin Club of El Paso had 37 in attendance. A report on the successful club show was given with thanks and accolades to all who worked to make it a success. A report on numismatic news of the week was given before a raffle and auction closed the meeting.

The March 18 meeting had 23 in attendance. The program was a show and tell. Members showed ancient coins, a $20 gold piece, international food tokens and Philippine money. A raffle and member drawing concluded the meeting.

The April 1 meeting had 30 members and one guest present. The income and expense report on the club show was present and showed a profit. As it was time for officer elections for 2005, all current officers stated they would remain in place and were thusly confirmed. A club picnic was discussed for May. Raffle, member drawing and an auction completed the meeting.

DISTRICT XI

Golden Spread Coin Club (Club Newsletter)

The March meeting of the Golden Spread Coin Club had 15 members in attendance. Door prizes were discussed for the August club show as was advertising in Coin World. An article for National Coin Week was to be written for the local newspaper. The member show and tell had a replica $50 Kellogg & Co gold piece, a counterfeit $20 bill, a book signed by Q. David Bowers and an 1854 half-dollar shown as well as other interesting items. A prize drawing concluded the meeting.

The April meeting had 17 members and one junior present. The article for the local paper on National Coin Week was read. A show report was given and it was reported that 56 of 84 tables have been paid for. A volunteer secretary was requested for the summer. The program was given on the history of tokens with many examples shown. The awarding of door prizes ended the meeting.

DISTRICT XIV

Hidalgo Coin Club (Internet Report)

The Hidalgo Coin Club of the Rio Grande Valley met May 5 at the People's Church in San Juan. There were 36 in attendance, with 2 new members and 2 returning members. It was so good to see Ruby and Don Higgins. Don has been battling a very severe illness these past nine months. Helen Snider gave a report about the TNA Convention and Show to be held in Ft. Worth. She will be attending as District Governor and as Chairman of the Book Auction. Several members donated books for the Auction. Robert and Patsy Prasek and Angel Smith all plan to be in Ft. Worth for the TNA Show. There was

no program just a numismatic discussion of various topics. After refreshments, Rod Bates conducted a very large auction.
Submitted by: Helen Snider, Club Secretary

DISTRICT XV

Greater Port Arthur Coin Club (Internet Report)

The March meeting of the Greater Port Arthur Coin Club had 12 members in attendance with no visitors. Carol Broussard called the meeting to order and Ray Ganaway led the pledge of allegiance. The GPACC Secretary would like to thank Barbara Williams for taking the minutes during the March meeting. Jerry suggested that we consider having our November meeting with a meal since we will not be able to use our usual meeting place. Our meeting falls during election week and the building will be used to count votes. It was discussed and the members felt that we should just have a regular meeting since in December we'll be having our Christmas dinner. Paul Brown has agreed to check on the meeting room at the airport where we have met in the past. Jerry reported that the Jefferson nickels were released on March 3, 2004. The U.S. Mint is considering a redesign of our five-cent pieces. The program of the month was given by Jerry Williams on "Half-Dimes". There have been ten different changes in designs since they have been minted. The first half dimes were made from George Washington's silver tea set. The 1832 half dime was the lowest mintage piece. Jerry had two sets of five-cent specimens that he passed around for all to view. Five-cent pieces are half dimes if you really stop and think about it. Jerry presented us with lots of facts and even gave the mintage for the different dates and varieties. The bust half dime was thought to be the prettiest of all the different designs. It was a very interesting program. Tracey Updike will give the program in April. Our vice President reported that he still needs programs for June, July, and August. If you would like to give a program on coin collecting or any hobby that you think would interest or benefit the club, contact the Club Vice President to put your presentation on the schedule. Door prizes were awarded to; Silver Round – J. W. McManus; 1987 Proof Set- Lynn Broussard; 1980 Susan B. Anthony P, D, & S- Carol Broussard.

The April meeting had 13 members in attendance with no visitors. Paul Brown has gotten approval for us to hold our November meeting in the "Training Room" of the "Old Terminal Building" at the Jefferson County Airport. As you have heard in previous months, the County Clinic Building, where we normally meet, will be used during the November elections and will be unavailable for us to hold our meeting on the first Thursday of the month. We appreciate Paul making arrangements for our November meeting. We will announce the change of venue again in our October Newsletter. Tracie Updike gave a program on the history of the U.S. Mint and our Coinage. The brief summary in this newsletter does Tracie's report no justice. Tracie's account of the establishment of the U.S. Mint and

production of our coinage from its early days to present was one of the most thorough, most eloquent and educational presentations I have ever heard. She began by mentioning the right given to Congress, by the Articles of Confederation in 1781, to regulate the alloy and value of our coinage. She alluded to the fact that our coins were based on the Spanish dollar. She spoke of the Coin Act of 1792, and how it allowed for the establishment of our first U.S. Mint in Philadelphia. The act also provided that our money would be expressed in dollar units in denominations of 10, 5, 2 ½, 1, ½, ¼, 1/10, 1/20, 1/100, 1/200 with corresponding metallurgy and weights. In 1837 three new mints were approved, New Orleans, Charlotte and Dahlonega. An assay office was built in San Francisco in 1854 to handle the gold rush activities, which led to the San Francisco mint. The Carson City mint existed from 1870 to 1893 and originated from the discovery of large silver deposits in Nevada. In 1878 the Blaine-Allison Act restored the silver dollar to the status of legal tender, hence the Morgan Silver Dollar. Many changes have been made to our coins over the years to reduce their intrinsic value. Coins that once were made of silver are made of cheaper but more durable alloys. Only four mints are now in operation: Denver and Philadelphia produce the business strikes and mint sets; the San Francisco and WestPoint mints produce the proof coins. Door prizes were won by Morgan Alleman, Jim Eldridge, Shirley Pearson and Paul Brown. There were 9 Lots sold in our Auction.

Submitted by: Carlton Simmons - Secretary

Silsbee Coin Club (Internet Report)

President Paula Simmons called the April 16th meeting to order, followed by Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Dr. Dale Cummings. Nineteen Silsbee Coin Club members and four visitors were present. Barbara and Jerry Williams attended the dedication of the visitors Center at the Bureau of Printing and Engraving in Ft. Worth, Texas. Barbara gave a brief report on their visit. Barbara Williams said the Beaumont Coin Club is tentatively planning a dinner meeting on the third Thursday of July (07-15-04) at the Red Lobster at 7:00 p.m., and we are invited to join them. A show of hands indicated a majority of our members would like to join them. Silsbee Coin Club will not conduct any business at this dinner meeting. We will still have our regular meeting on the last Monday of the month, which is July 26th.

The program was given by James Fowler who gave an interesting program on Olympic Commemorative Coins. An auction conducted by Jerry Williams and tallied by Emery Ledoux, after which, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Betty Fowler.

DISTRICT XVII

Waco Coin Club Wacoin News)

The March meeting of the Waco Coin Club was called to order by President Ferguson with 24 members and guests in attendance. It was announced that the show committee would be meeting in the near future. A motion was made and passed to give a donation to the church for allowing the club to meet in its' facility. The club purchased raffle tickets for the TNA show and any prizes would be used for door or raffle prizes at a future meeting. A report on the traveling exhibit was given. Raffle and door prizes closed the meeting.

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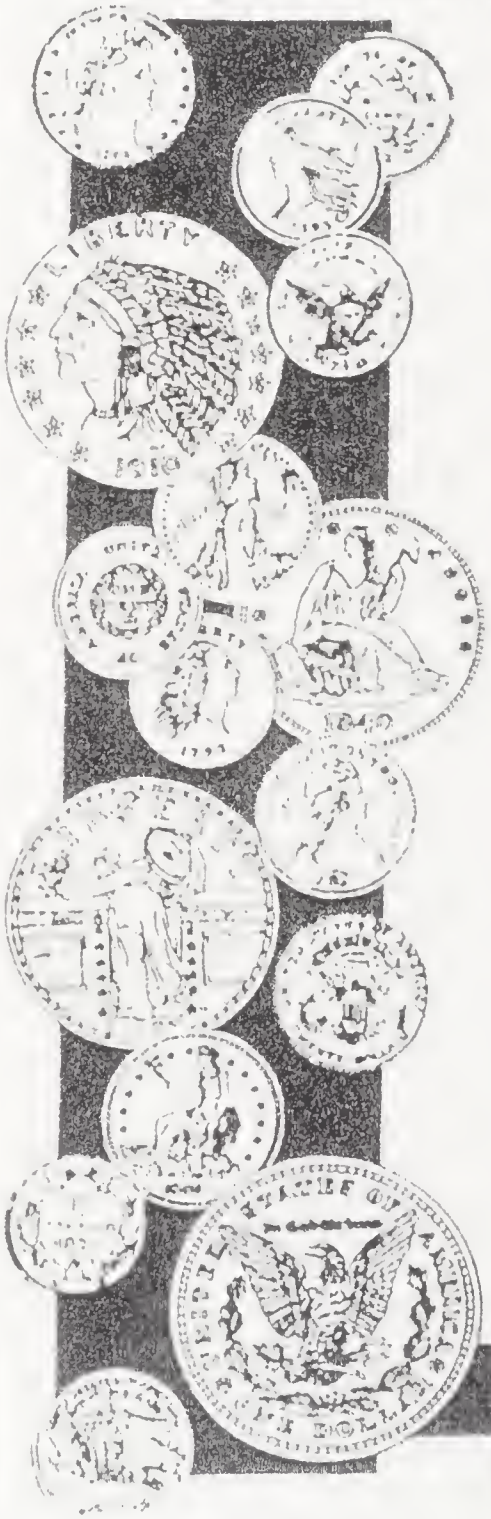

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